
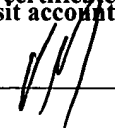


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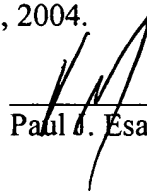
1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. Showa 64-017015 dated January 20, 1989.

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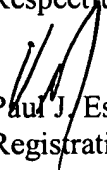
  
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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated April 8, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

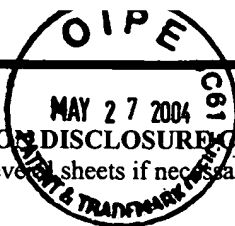
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